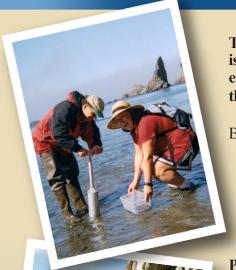
## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## B-WET BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM



The Pacific Northwest Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program is an environmental education program that supports locally relevant experiential learning in the K-12 environment. The primary delivery is through competitive grants.

B-WET Activities Show an Increase in:

- Teachers' confidence in their ability and their intentions to implement experiential learning in their classroom
- Students' enjoyment of learning about the ocean and protecting the ocean
- Students' and teachers ability to identify ways watersheds and the ocean become polluted and ways to prevent this pollution

## **Priority Areas:**

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Students

- Weaves together classroom learning with field experiences
- Sustained Activity
- Aligns with standards of learning

Professional Development for Teachers

- Reinforces a teacher's ability to teach, inspire, & lead
- Teachers learn why and how to use inquiry based learning in their classrooms

## Community and Adult Education

- Provides targeted training on watershed management for decision-makers and businesses
- Leverages partnerships to deliver NOAA messages to communities and the general public

**Target Areas:** Funds are available for eligible applicants throughout the watersheds of Oregon and Washington with special focus on the education goals of the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health.

**Eligible Applicants:** K-through-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, and Indian tribal governments.

**Available funding:** B-WET funds are appropriated each year by Congress and may be available for up to three successive years for a single project. Pacific Northwest B-WET funds can be used for a variety of expenses to conduct programming including: buses, stipends, travel, substitutes, equipment, and professional evaluators.

To learn more about the Pacific Northwest B-WET Program contact Robert Steelquist, Robert.Steelquist@noaa.gov, or visit our website at: http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/news/bwet/welcome.html





